

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of :  
Tsutomu Yuasa et al.  
Serial No.: 10/025,588 : Art Unit: To be assigned  
Filed: December 26, 2001 : Examiner: To be assigned  
For: Polycarboxylic Acid Copolymer,  
Production Method and Use : Atty Docket: 21581/0284  
Thereof :  
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**RESPONSE TO "NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS"**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION** dated March 20, 2002, Applicants submit herewith the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
2. Original executed Declaration;
3. English translation of the specification with statement that the translation is accurate;
4. Substitute drawings.

The Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 22-0185 \$552 covering:

\$130 - Surcharge for late filing of Declaration,  
\$130 – Surcharge for late filing of English translation,  
\$252 – 3 additional independent claims over 3, and  
\$ 40 - Assignment recordation fee.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any of the above fees, as well as any insufficient fees, including any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185. A duplicate copy of this authorization is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 260.**
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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